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- Between 8 and 14 January 1951, the Artillerie Kaserne, Perleberg (M 54/T 70), seemed still to be fully occupied by 800 to 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Officers wore tank insignia. Both Graf Haeselerstrasse and Artilleriestrasse, the latter leading from Lindenstrasse to the Artillerie Kaserne, were blocked by barriers and guarded by sentries. Ulanenstrasse, which begins at Lindenstrasse, was blocked by a board fence near the gas works. On top of the garage in the northwestern corner of the Artillerie Kaserne, there were two observation platforms, one of which was occupied by a sentry with a submachine gun.
- On 11 January, 45 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched to the former German hospital, southwest of the Amtsgericht (provincial court building). The former hospital, which seemed to serve as troop quarters, had an estimated billeting capacity of 300 men.
- From 150 to 200 unarmed troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in basic training in the area south of Graf Haeselerstrasse. They were obviously recruits.
- At 4 p.m. on 11 January, four officers and 168 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed marching into the Artillerie Kaserne. About two-thirds of them carried carbines and the rest submachine guns. All windows of the barracks building to be seen from the outside were lighted at dusk. Trucks B 6-72-12, B 6-72-14, E 2-20-42, E 2-20-47, E 6-41-81, E 6-42-31, /4-21-18, and /4-22-23 were identified in the building area.
- The telephone exchange on Reetzerstrasse was operated by 10 to 20 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck E 6-42-31 was parked in front of the building.
- The Soviet *komendatura* on Berlinerstrasse, situated opposite the Kreishaus, had a staff of 30 to 40 soldiers wearing crimson epaulets.
- Effective 4 January, the Valentin bakery on Grosser Markt discontinued the delivery of bread to the civilian population to bake exclusively for the Soviet units at the Perleberg post.

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3. The Perleberg airfield was occupied by army units. Most of the soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and some black-bordered black epaulets and red epaulets. No training activity was observed. Trucks identified in the billeting area were numbered:

B 6-70-01	E 2-20-71	E 6-41-73
B 6-70-04	E 2-20-72	/4-21-42
B 6-70-16	E 2-21-13	/4-21-57
B 6-71-84	E 2-21-27	/4-22-51
C 4-70-34		

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Comment. The report does not indicate any changes at the Perleberg military post since the last observations of early January 1951 by the same source. 25X1A

The motor vehicle numbers listed in the present report belong almost exclusively to series of the 18th Mecz Div.

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